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FM AMCONSUL CURACAO

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INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT CHANGES IN THE NA

REFERENCE: CURACAO 668 (NOTAL) CURACAO 675 (NOTAL)

1. VOTE IN NA LEGISLATURE (STATEN) ON DECEMBER 30 SUPPORTED NVP-U LED COALITION MOVE TO OUST 3 MEP MINISTERS. 3 MOTIONS WERE INTRODUCED, FIRST BY MEP LEADER BETICO CROES AS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN ENTIRE CABINET. CROES MOTION DEFEATED 22 TO 0 INCLUDING NEGATIVE VOTE BY CROES HIMSELF. SECOND MOTION WAS INTRODUCED BY COALITION AND WAS OF NON-CONFIDENCE IN 3 MEP MINISTERS WHICH CARRIED 14 TO 0 WITH MEP AND CURACAO PSD ABSTAINING. LAST MOTION WAS OF CONFIDENCE IN REMAINING 6 CABINET MINISTERS AND WAS CARRIED BY 14 TO 0 VOTE.

2. MOTION NOW GO TO NA GOVERNOR LEITO FOR ACTION. SINCE

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CROES CONFIDENCE MOTION DEFEATED COMPLETELY, IT IN EFFECT HAS

NO EXISTENCE AND GOVERNOR IS EXPECTED TO IGNORE IT. LOCAL  
OPINION IS THAT GOVERNOR WILL DISMISS 3 MEP MINISTERS AS OF  
JANUARY 1 AND ALLOW APPOINTMENT OF NEW MINISTERS (PRESUMABLY)  
INCLUDING PPA IN NEW COALITION.

3. CORES MOTION WAS A PARLIAMENTARY PLOY AND VOTED UPON  
ONLY BY GRACE OF STATEN PRESIDENT FIGAROA WHO IS MEP STALWART.  
FIGAROA IS EXPECTED TO RESIGN PRESIDENCY OF STATEN ON OR  
ABOUT JANUARY 1.

4. COMMENT: BY COOPERATION WITH NVP-U IN STATEN VOTE, PPA  
HAS ALREADY SHOWN ITS WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH COALITION.  
NO OTHER COALITION PARTNER SEEMS LIKELY AT THIS POINT AND  
GOVERNOR LEITO IS ON RECORD AS FAVORING COALITION WHICH  
INCLUDED ARUBAN REPRESENTATIVES. CROES AND MEP WILL ENTER  
OPPOSITION AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE CLAMORING FOR  
ARUBAN AUTONOMY BUT ARE LIKELY TO BE LESS EFFECTIVE IN OPPOS-  
ITION. ARUBAN VOTERS WHILE STILL OPPOSED TO CURACAOAN  
DOMINATION, DO NOT SEEM TO BE WILLING TO DECLARE UNILATERAL  
INDEPENDENCE WHICH, IN ANY CASE, WOULD NECESSITATE REFERENDUM,  
THUS DEPRIVING CROES OF HIS TRUMP CARD.

GNA GUARANTEE FOR EXIM LOAN FOR STA ANA SHIPYARD WHICH WAS  
DELAYED BY REFUSAL OF MEP FINANCE MINISTER TO SIGN STATEN S  
APPROVAL CAN NOW BE EXPECTED TO PROCEED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.  
MORE OBSERVERS FEEL THAT THESE LATER DEVELOPEMENTS WILL SLOW  
DOWN PACE OF NA MOVE TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE, SINCE EVERTSZ,  
KNOWN TO OPPOSE EARLY NA INDEPENDENCE, NOW APPEARS FIRMLY  
IN COMMAND OF GNA.  
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